

1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 15

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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
5 MONTANA URGING THE CREATION OF A NEW STATE PARK AT BRUSH LAKE IN REGION 6,
6 CONTINGENT ON FUNDING; AND PROVIDING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS
7 GIVE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE PARK AT BRUSH LAKE PRIORITY WHEN FUNDING BECOMES
8 AVAILABLE.

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10 WHEREAS, the beauty of Montana's great outdoors and the diversity of Montana's recreational
11 opportunities are known worldwide, providing a source of pride for the people of the state and making Montana
12 a destination for visitors and recreationists; and

13 WHEREAS, each region of the state possesses its own unique features and beauty, worthy of
14 appreciation and visitation; and

15 WHEREAS, state parks provide residents and visitors with the opportunity to experience some of the
16 state's more renowned areas, sparking interest in the state's diverse features and bringing revenue to local
17 economies; and

18 WHEREAS, state parks have been established in every administrative region of the state except region
19 6 in northeastern Montana; and

20 WHEREAS, the 2003 Legislature is making an effort to take care of Montana's state parks by providing
21 funding sources for the establishment and ongoing maintenance of parks; and

22 WHEREAS, the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks is presently involved in an effort to acquire
23 property at Brush Lake in region 6 in order to establish the region's first state park; and

24 WHEREAS, Brush Lake offers unique natural attributes worthy of preservation for public recreational
25 use and scientific study and interpretation; and

26 WHEREAS, the Legislature considers it an appropriate recognition of the region's unique beauty and
27 a proper expenditure of state funds to establish a state park at Brush Lake in region 6, as soon as funding
28 becomes available.

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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF

1 THE STATE OF MONTANA:

2 That the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks consider the establishment of the first state park in
3 region 6 at Brush Lake a top priority.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department make every effort, as funding becomes available,
5 to establish and maintain a state park at Brush Lake.

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